



## Notice on National Green Week 2010 and Green Thumb Challenge!

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### Sign up now for National Green Week 2010!

Calling on all educators! Enroll in **National Green Week 2010** by **Dec. 15, 2009** and be entered into a raffle for free garden kits (gloves, tools, seeds), **IXG Green Packs** (reusable drink & snack containers, shopping bag and an organic tee) and cash prizes to jump-start your green program **and** be eligible for a \$5,000 grant!

### **National Green Week 2010 (Feb. 1-5, 2010)**

Green Education Foundation (GEF) is mobilizing millions of students from across the nation to participate in environmental educational programs during **National Green Week 2010**. GEF's comprehensive curriculum provides Pre K-12 schools with extensive standards based lessons coupled with the following hands-on eco challenges:

- **Green Thumb Challenge**—Join the largest youth gardening initiative in history calling on classrooms and schools to plant 10,000 indoor or outdoor gardens during the spring of 2010! GEF's website provides gardening instructions, checklists for school approvals, plot location guidelines; container garden suggestions, funding resources (including grant templates) garden plans, vegetable and flower suggestions and much more. **Green Thumb Challenge** lessons link gardening to science, math, language arts, creative arts and technology. Summer student internships and community service programs will be available along with an online professional development course for teachers.
- **Waste-Free Snacks**—Students nationwide will participate in the largest school based waste-reduction program of all time by simply pledging to carry their drinks and snacks in reusable containers for the week. The goal is to eliminate 500,000 pounds of trash from schools and landfills.
- **Green Energy Challenge**—Students will audit their classrooms, schools and homes to find energy leaks and correct them in an effort to reduce energy consumption.

Don't wait, enroll today at [www.GreenEducationFoundation.org](http://www.GreenEducationFoundation.org)

### About Green Education Foundation

**Green Education Foundation (GEF)** is a non-profit organization that provides educational resources that promote sustainable, impactful pro-green behaviors in children, families, and communities. Children learn best through hands-on programs which enhance a child's critical thinking and understanding of why and how they should adopt new green habits. With this in mind, GEF programs provide a hands-on component coupled with lessons that promote environmental sustainability and individual health and well-being.

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Thank you for your time and assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with questions at 508 668 2278.

Sincerely,  
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